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Ca. 1890-1930

Legore Quarry Company Store and Workers Housing - Legore Junction

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Legore Quarry Company Store and Workers Housing at Legore Junction consists of a combination store, post office, company office, and railroad depot master's residence in one building and two dwelling houses built about 1890 which are the remaining buildings of the company town of Legore. Founded by James W. Legore as the center of the quarry workers' off-duty life, the small district represents a paternalistic labor management policy common in the late 19th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/urban Dominance - 1870 - 1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Industrial)

Resource Type:
Category: District

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Legore Quarry Company Store and Workers Housing - Legore Junction

Donations

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11607, 11611 and 11619 Legore Bridge Road not for publication

city, town Woodsboro X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> X district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> X unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> X private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> X other: not in use

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Phoenix, Inc.

street & number 11640 Woodsboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Keymar state and zip code Md. 21757

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1890–1930

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Frederick County Points of Interest, E.R. Goldsborough et al, writers manuscript at Frederick County Historical Society, May 6, 1936; "Legore" Smith, F.M., Woodsboro Remembers, privately published, 1976.
Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, Vol. 2; L.W. Titsworth & Co., Hagerstown, 1910 & 1936, p. 1480.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md. quad.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximate boundary as shown on attached U.S.G.S. quad map section.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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8.1 Significance

The Legore Quarry Company Store and Workers Housing - Legore Junction is the remaining part of the "company town" of Legore or Legore Junction, established by James W. Legore, principal founder of the Legore Quarry, in the last quarter of the 19th century. The company store building contained a post office and living quarters for the railroad depot master. The two remaining dwelling houses represent the type of provided housing which characterized Legore's industrial labor management policies during the peak years of the quarry's expansion, from about 1880 to the 1920's. In 1936, Legore was described as a "Frederick County Point of Interest" in a manuscript in the Frederick County Historical Society. It was then a "fair-sized village" of worker's houses, with the store, a fourth-class post office, and a railroad depot. There was no record of its population.

The Legore Company Store and Housing - Legore Junction may be unique for its chronological period as a company town. Earlier clusters of housing and industrial structures are known at Catoctin Furnace and, on a very small scale, at mill sites around the county. The Legore Quarry and the adjacent S.W. Barrick and Sons Lime Works should be further researched to identify periods of growth and expansion of facilities and more recent reductions in activity and their effect on the companies' housing. The economic/industrial theme should also be more thoroughly supported by research on the lime works of both firms.

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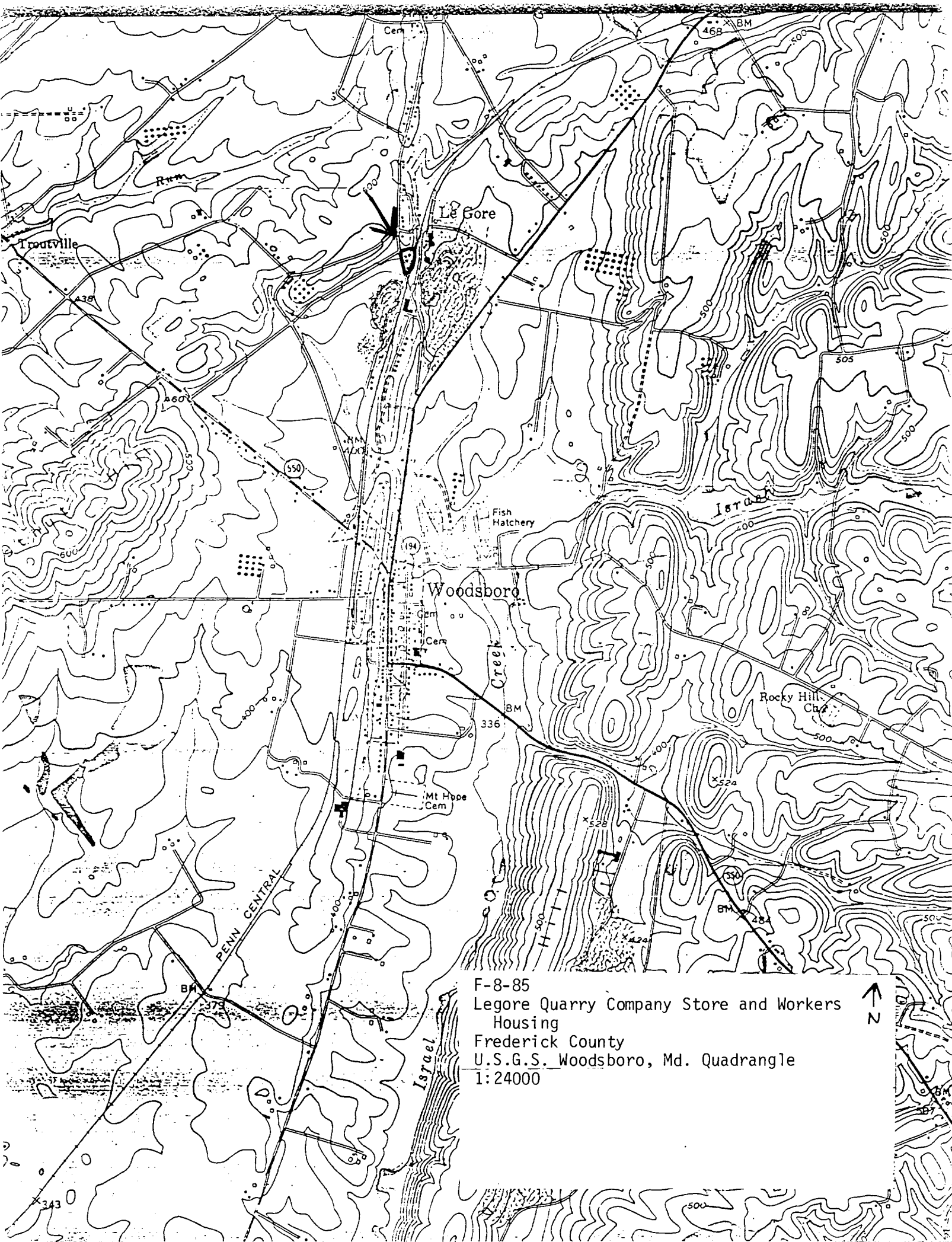
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7.1 Description

The Legore Quarry Company Store and Workers Housing - Legore Junction is a survey district of three principal buildings: the Legore Company store, a combination commercial/office/dwelling, and two separate dwelling houses, all apparently built in the last quarter of the 19th century and located on the east side of Legore Bridge Road just north of the former Pennsylvania Railroad tracks near Woodsboro, Frederick County, Maryland. Two of the buildings, the store/residence and one of the dwellings, are currently unoccupied. The buildings are of frame construction and have german siding.

The store/residence building is two stories in height with a rambling plan. Basically it appears to be a two story house engulfed by a two-story commercial building on its west elevation. The store has a one-story projection on the west elevation which was probably the company office. The residence on the east end of the structure has a one-story porch on the south elevation which shelters the private entrance. The store's south elevation has an uncovered wood porch with a single off-center door, the commercial entrance. The office also has a separate door on the south. The store has a standing seam tin roof; the residence roof is an intersecting gable tin roof on the east. The one-story office projection has a shed roof. Immediately northeast of the store/residence is a two-story frame building which may have served as a summer kitchen or as a storage building for the store. It has a gable standing seam roof and german siding.

The two dwelling houses are located north of the store/residence and face west toward Legore Bridge Road. Each has two stories, three bays with a center entrance on the first story and two bays on the second story. The one story porches have plain railings and posts. The roofs are standing seam tin and the siding is german. The sash is 2/2; the chimney locations differ, being in the center in the southern house (11611 Legore Bridge Rd.) and in the gable end in the northern house (11619 Legore Bridge Rd.).



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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle
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General view from south on Legore Bridge Road